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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A "BREAD AND MOLASSES" ENEMA

Dear Editor: On a recent case, on the night of my arrival, the doctor ordered a "bread and molasses" enema. As I had never heard of a bread and molasses enema, I decided it was a mistake and gave milk and molasses. The doctor next morning said he meant bread and molasses, and as he could not tell me the proportions, how to prepare, or the apparatus needed for giving it, I am writing you for information which will be greatly appreciated.

Massachusetts

L. M. M.

NEED FOR THE INTERSTATE SECRETARY

Dear Editor: Many nurses would appreciate information regarding the different nursing associations. Strange as it may seem, it is a fact that there are many nurses who do not know whether they belong to the American Nurses' Association, and have no idea what relation the county or district associations bear toward each other. They know they belong to their Alumnae, but no more than that. Also the Nurses' Relief Fund,—that, too, is like a strange language to many. I have taken measures to inquire regarding this subject, and I was indeed surprised to learn how few really knew anything about the different associations; the one thought seemed to be that the American Nurses' Association had something to do with THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. If you would publish an article sometime, giving information on this subject, I am sure it would be appreciated, for the JOURNAL is one issue in which all nurses are interested.

A. G.

PRIVATE DUTY NURSING

Dear Editor: The article of Mary Martin Brown, in the October JOURNAL, has shown a large part of my twenty years of nursing. I have a number of my patients with whom I correspond, whose children are married. I worked hard, and even saved lives which the doctor had pronounced past help. I answered calls where families were not financially able to pay high prices, but where the doctor would say they needed good nursing, yet I was called by some sister nurses a "cheap nurse." I met two devout Bible readers who said they would rather do nothing than go for less than \$25.00 per week, and that was more than twenty years ago, during the Spanish War. Can that be called true, helpful and religious work? I have had various experiences, tragic, comic, sad; all had their interesting points. Had I not been tied with home duties I would most gladly have offered my services for this past war. I read the JOURNAL with great interest although I may never be in active work again.

Florida

M. C. B.

COMPENSATION AND THE "EIGHT-HOUR DAY"

Dear Editor: I have listened to, and joined in, so many discussions lately on the subject of pay for nurses, it seems to me neither they, nor the public is getting a square deal. As things are at present, a nurse is paid the same flat rate of \$5 per day, whether she is on duty twenty-four hours, twelve, or even less. The public is nearly always required to employ two nurses, if service is required at all during the night, few nurses being willing to take what is known